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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicant in the above-referenced application respectfully requests a four-month time extension for filing the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 16, The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0484 in the amount of \$695.00 for the four-month extension of time fee. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, or if any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account

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